

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

2:30 p.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chair, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

Members absent/excused: None.

An invocation was given by Mrs. Edna Cushingberry.

The Honorable Judge Margie Braxton administered an oath to swear in George Cushingberry, Jr. as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Chairman Cushingberry proceeded with the business of the committee with opening remarks.

Chairman Cushingberry laid SB 166 before the committee:

SB 166 Jelinek Appropriations; zero budget; supplemental appropriations;
provide for certain fiscal years.

Chairman Cushingberry opened the floor for Member's remarks on SB 166.

Representative Sak moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 166.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 22-2-5.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Shaffer, Amos, Caul.

NAYS: Representatives Brandenburg, Proos.

PASS: Representatives Caswell, Booher, Hansen, Agema, Moss.

Representative Gillard moved to report SB 166 with recommendation as substitute (H-1).

The motion prevailed by a vote of 23-1-5.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Amos, Proos, Agema, Moss.

NAYS: Representative Brandenburg.

PASS: Representatives Caswell, Shaffer, Booher, Caul, Hansen.

Chairman Cushingberry laid Executive Order 2007 – 1 before the committee.

Chairman Cushingberry opened the floor for Member's remarks on E.O. 2007 - 1.

Mr. Ron Spess, representing the Saginaw County Youth Protection Council, testified before the committee in opposition to the cut in the Teen Parent Counseling line item within the Department of Human Services made by the Executive Order.

Mr. Nick Ciaramitaro, Director of Legislation and Public Policy for Michigan Council 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, testified before the committee in opposition to the cut in the Day Care Services line item within the Department of Human Services made by the Executive Order.

Lynn Owen, Legislative Liaison for the State Budget Office, and Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, answered questions from committee members.

Representative Gillard moved to approve Executive Order 2007 – 1.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 18-7-5.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi.

NAYS: Representatives Acciavatti, Caswell, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss.

PASS: Representatives Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Nofs.

Chairman Cushingberry opened the floor for Member's remarks on the state budget.

Chair Cushingberry announced that there would be a House Appropriations Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

There being no further business before the committee, Representative Gonzales moved that the committee adjourn. Seeing no objection Chairman Cushingberry adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair_____

Doug Simon, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-0015